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## **Back to School High Visibility Traffic Enforcement**

With school starting on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, it is time to remind all of us that children will be on the sidewalks near the schools and in the neighborhoods in the mornings and afternoons. The school zones will be back in effect again and there will be many school buses back on the roads.

Starting Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> the Beaverton Police Traffic Unit and the Patrol Division will conduct high visibility traffic enforcement at various schools and school bus stops. The goal of this mission is to create a visible presence at the various schools and bus stops. The mission will include officers working at posted school zones, known school bus stops and known school routes (i.e., neighborhoods near schools).

It is important to remember when driving near any school that there will be children in the area. Look for the school zone signs and follow the requirements set by the sign. When the school zone is in effect the maximum speed is 20mph. Some of the school zones in Beaverton are controlled by blinking lights that designate when the school zone is in effect. Others are in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is why it is important to familiarize yourself with the school zones you travel through daily.

School buses will be out throughout the days picking up and dropping off children. If you come upon a school bus that is stopped with its red bus safety lights on, you must stop. Once the red safety lights have been turned off you may then proceed. The only exception to this is if the school bus is stopped on a different roadway.

Safety is not automatic, think about it.

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